HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. _____ DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

20042582



HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Congressional delegation to take the lead in seeking changes to the No Child Left Behind Act.

Whereas, Although the goals of the No Child Left Behind Act are admirable, the high standards mean that few schools will be able to comply;

Whereas, The federal government has failed to provide adequate funding to fully implement the 45 provisions of the Act:

Whereas, Indiana has a real opportunity to make the No Child Left Behind Act a law that can serve young people, but some modifications must be made to the Act;

Whereas, The necessary changes are to: replace the goal of 100% proficiency for all students by the 2013-2014 school year with the goals of Indiana's Public Law 221-1999, assess the progress of the low-incidence cognitively impaired students using separate goals and time lines adapted to each group's uniqueness, use demonstrated improvement on individualized education program goals as an additional factor in determining adequate yearly progress where the special education breakout is the sole concern, revise the safe harbor provisions in the No Child Left Behind Act to fix an appropriate measure regarding the improvement required, measure improvement over time, and base



2004 HC 1046/DI 84+

improvement on same-student cohorts as provided in Indiana's Public Law 221-1999; and

Whereas, The purpose of the No Child Left Behind Act is "to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments"; the General Assembly believes that this goal can be achieved, but that some changes to the Act must be made: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana Congressional delegation to take the lead in seeking changes to the No Child Left Behind Act that will make it possible to achieve the goals of the Act.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana

2004 HC 1046/DI 84+



1

2

3

4

5

6 7

Congressional delegation.